(c) if so. the facts and details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to break nexus of militants lodged in jails with organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The investigation of the case referred to in the news-item has so far not revealed that the funds received were meant specifically to help the militants lodged in Central Jail, Tihar.

(d) The steps taken to prevent such a nexus in the Central Jail, Tihar include lodging of militants in high security wards; manning of these wards by special police; restriction on entry of outsiders into these wards; holding of interviews with militants under the personal supervision of Deputy Superintendent of Prisons; checking of articles received by them from friends and relatives; maintenance of interview register for recording the details of the visitors; and close liaison with intelligence agencies regarding the activities of these militants.

Registration of births and deaths in the country

1432. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in many States, the figures of births and deaths are not properly registered which hinders the monitoring of the exact number of births and deaths in those States in order to determine the rise or fall in the sex ratio;

(b) if so, the details in this regard, indicating the names of those States which are lagging behind;

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to make registration of births and deaths compulsory in the country;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) by when the necessary orders are likely to come into force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House *{See* below).

(c) No, Sir. The registration of births and deaths has already been made compulsory under the provisions of the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Does not arise.

Statement

Estimated Percentage of Births and Deaths Registered

SI. No.	States/Union territories	Latest year which report the State Government	Estimated percentage for registered published by Births	Deaths
1	2	3	4	5
	States			
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2001	55.8	58.5
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1999	81.7	28.4
3.	Assam	2000	38.7	20.1
4.	Bihar	1995	18.7	25.6
5.	Chhattisgarh	2001	55.8	66.6
6.	Goa	2000	Almost 100 per cent	Almost 100 percent
7.	Gujarat	1999	86.6	54.8
8.	Haryana	2001	73.5	70.6
9.	Himachal Pradesh	2001	Almost 100 per cent	81.8
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	2000	68.1	49.5
11.	Jharkhand	included in Bihar		
12.	Karnataka	2001	73.6	77.2

1 2	3	4	5
13. Kerala	2000	Almost 100 per cent	88.1
14. Madhya Pradesh	2001	38.2	3
15. Maharashtra	2000	91.1	71.5
16. Manipur	2001	45.9	25.3
17. Meghalaya	2000	72.2	51.6
18. Mizoram	2001	Almost 100 per cent	Almost 100 per cent
19. Nagaland	2000	94.6	52.1
20. Orissa	2001	82.4	63.2
21. Punjab	2000	92.2	82.5
22. Rajasthan	2001	39.6	55.8
23. Sikkim	2000	80.0	41.4
24. Tamil Nadu	2000	93.5	73.0
25. Tripura	2000	65.2	40.9
26. Uttar Pradesh	1999	42.0	26.5
27. Uttaranchal	included in UttarPradesh		
28. West Bengal	1999	98.3	54.0
Union Territories			
29. A & N Islands	2001	Almost 100 per cent	73.3
30. Chandigarh	1999	Almost 100 per cent	Almost 100 percent
31. Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2000	84.1	56.1
32. Daman & Diu	2001	Almost 100 per cent	83.0
33. Delhi	1999	Almost 100 per cent	Almost 100 per cent

1	2	3	4	5
34.	Lakshadweep	1998	91.0	84.7
35.	Pondicherry	2000	Almost 100 per cent	Almost 100 per cent

Note:

1. The level of birth/death registration is the percentage of registered births/deaths to the births/deaths estimated from Sample Registration System (SRS).

2. Although, the latest year for which the report published by the the State Government is 2000 in respect of Nagaland, the estimated percentage of registered births/ deaths relates to the year 1994 as SRS estimates are partial thereafter.

Discussions by Minister with Foreign Leaders

1433. SHRI ABANI ROY:Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has visited many foreign countries and held discussions with various leaders during the last 2-3 months;

(b) if so, the details thereof and outcome of the discussions;

(c) whether any extradition treaty was signed with any foreign country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) Yes, Sir. The Deputy Prime Minister recently visited Qatar and France (from 20th January, 2003 to 25th January, 2003) as well as Thailand and Singapore (from 30th January to 5th February, 2003) to hold discussions with the leaders of these countries.

(b) Details of the discussions held with the respective countries are enclosed as Statement-I (Seebelow).

(c) and (d) An Extradition Treaty has been signed with France during the visit to France. Some salient features relating to the Treaty are enclosed as Statement-I I.